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SCANDAL IN ARGENTINA

Early last month global freedom of the press suffered temporary defeat when President Peron of Argentina halted publication of La Prensa, long one of the world's greatest newspapers. Present to record the event were two American photographers: BERT BRANDT of Acme pictures and Leonard McCombe of Time and Life.

BRANDT was threatened by Peron henchmen, while McCombe--along with Time's FRANK SHEA -- was jailed and sentenced to 30 days imprisonment before the U.S. Ambassador obtained their release. Now, in an informal discussion, BRANDT and McCombe will reveal the inside story of Peron's campaign to muzzle free speech in Argentina, reporting facts which censorship prevented them from disclosing while in Buenos Aires.

(See Page 3 for a report on Peron's newest attempt to intimidate U.S. correspondents)

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Dinner Committee Meeting Clubrooms Tuesday, April 10, 5:30 PM
Board of Governors Meeting .. Home of B. MATHIEU, 36 E. 61 St. Tuesday, April 10, 8:00 PM
Permanent Quarters Committee Meeting Clubrooms Wednesday, April 11, 5:45 PM
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The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

Active ARTHUR B. RICKERBY, NEA-Acme

Associate WAYNE PENNINGTON, public relations manager, Lederle Laboratories

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With this issue, The Bulletin adopts a compact new format, streamlined in size : to make for easier reading, more efficient filing and to conserve available paper : stocks. No reduction in editorial content, however, is involved.

* COMMITTEE INVITES EXILED EDITOR OF ARGENTINA'S LA PRENSA
* TO BE AN HONOR GUEST AT AWARDS PRESENTATION DINNER MAY 18

Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, editor and publisher of La Prensa, independent Argentine newspaper closed by the Peron Government, has been invited to be a special guest of honor at the Overseas Press Club's Awards Presentation Dinner on Friday, May 18. A cable was sent this week by President LOUIS P. LOCHNER to the distinguished South American journalist, now in temporary exile with relatives in Uruguay, asking him to attend as guest of the Club.

Arrangements will be made, President LOCHNER said, to fly Dr. Paz to the United States if he is able to accept the Club's invitation.

Also this week, Dinner Chairman JOSEF C. DINE reported at a meeting of his Committee that "considerable progress" has been made in setting up a program for the Club's red-letter event. Several distinguished men have forwarded tentative acceptances of invitations to address the Dinner. Their names will be announced following verification of their acceptance.

Meanwhile, the Committee urged, that Members send in plate and table reservations even before formal invitations are received. Such guests will receive special priority in assignment of choice table locations in the Waldorf Astoria's Starlight Roof ballroom.

A Member and one guest may attend for \$10 each; subscriptions for additional guests may be had for \$15 each. All checks and requests for reservations should be addressed to the Dinner Committee, Overseas Press Club, 1475 Broadway, New York 18, N.Y. Checks should be made out to the "Overseas Press Club of America".

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OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB CONDEMS "STRAIT-JACKETTING"
DOCUMENT PROPOSED BY U.N. ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

...Votes Support to Delegates
Opposing Restrictive Plan...

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Striking at a proposed "strait-jacketting" Draft Convention on Freedom of Information now under discussion by the United Nations, the Overseas Press Club recently went on record as opposed to the document "because it is reactionary and obstructive of better understanding among peoples, and also because it is a serious menace to the livelihood of all those disseminating information throughout the world".

(The Draft Convention, approved by 13 members of the 15-nation committee and opposed by the U.S., would prohibit -- if voted by the UN and incorporated into international law -- the dissemination of information "likely to injure the national feelings of people" or likely to "undermine friendly relations between peoples and states".)

The OPC resolution, adopted by the Board of Governors, expressed sympathy for and approval of the "energetic stand taken by Carroll Binder, editorial editor of the Minneapolis Tribune and U.S. representative in the 15-nation committee....against the majority stand to curtail rather than to expand existing freedoms."

"Giving governments the right to judge and to restrict news...is the very reverse of freedom", the resolution continued. "Such measures when taken now by countries behind the Iron Curtain properly meet the condemnation of the press in free countries everywhere."

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PAST PRESIDENTS

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Reasons given for the OPC's opposition were on the grounds that Committee membership "was weighted heavily on the side of countries that are under-developed or where strong traditions of press freedom have not taken root," and that the "proposed measures are not the remedy for the shortcomings and inequities in the handling of world news as they now exist".

The United States Mission to the UN, the resolution concluded, "can count on the active support of the Overseas Press Club of America in its continued fight for freedom of information". Copies of the document, signed by President LOUIS P. LOCHNER, were sent to the UN Secretariat General, the U.S. Mission to the United Nations and the Department of State.

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**LA PRENSA DISPUTE INVOLVES
TWO MORE U.S. CORRESPONDENTS;
MAY BE EXPELLED FROM PERONLAND**

As another anti-Peron Argentine newspaper this week was forced to suspend publication, two U.S. foreign correspondents became objects of expulsion threats. MILTON BRACKER and HERBERT L. MATTHEWS, both New York Times correspondents, were warned by La Epoca, pro-government newspaper, that they may be expelled from Argentina because of dispatches they wrote in connection with the forced closing of La Prensa early last month. The warning preceded news from Buenos Aires that La Voz del Interior, an independent provincial newspaper critical of the Peron government, had suspended following a news venders' boycott similar to that which caused the folding of La Prensa.

Two other OPCers intimidated by Peron police last month were FRANK SHEA of Time and Acme Newspictures photographer BERT BRANDT. On March 12 the Club's Board of Governors protested to the State Department and the UN the "violation of the Government of Argentina of the traditional rights of U.S. correspondents abroad".

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The Duke and Duchess of Windsor will be interviewed by HENRY CASSIDY, NBC director of news and special events, on April 20 in connection with publication of the Duke's memoirs by G. P. Putnam's Sons.... "Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers the OPC sent to Moberly, Mo., for my mother's funeral recently," writes the AP's LEO BRANHAM. "They were very nice...Until I suddenly found myself on the receiving end, I did not realize how much this thoughtful act could be so warmly appreciated. It is a nice practice -- sending a floral piece to bereaved Members -- and one I am sure the Club will continue always."....

A. WILFRED MAY and Leon H. Keyserling, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, will debate "How to Fight Inflation?" on DuMont's Court of Current Issues program May 10.... "Danger! Communists at Work!", the title of BRUNO SHAW's feature article in the April Elks Magazine....

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Past President LUCIAN KIRTLAND reported to have recovered from his recent illness; plans to be on hand, with Mrs. Kirtland, for the Awards Presentation Dinner May 18....Chairman DANIEL VAN ACKER of the Reception of Foreign Journalists Committee and Secretary RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., this week represented the Overseas Press Club at a Waldorf Astoria reception given by the President of France and Mme. Vincent Auriol.....The Southwestern Journalism Congress at the University of Oklahoma will hear MARY HORNADAY, Christian Science Monitor, talk on "Covering the UN" on April 7....

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JUST CHECKED IN: The AP's STAN SWINTON, from Korea; JACK BIRNS of Time-Life, from the Far East via Europe....The New York Council of Save-the-Children Federation on March 8 heard GERALDINE FITCH speak on the refugee situation in Korea....David McIntire, indefatigable administrative assistant at Club Headquarters, left Tuesday to resume his studies at Antioch College. Dave's unfailing good humor, energy and devotion to Club affairs won the admiration and affection of all with whom he came in contact. He plans to return to New York in June. The Club is sorry to lose Dave, but happy to welcome his successor, Mac Smith, another student trainee from Antioch, who will work with Executive Secretary Janice Griffiths....

MARTIN SHERIDAN's piece, "New England's Fish Exchange", originally published in Think, has been selected by the State Department for translation and distribution to publications in Europe, Latin America, Middle and Far East and Africa....DON ROBINSON's typewriter is sizzling; a civil defense piece to appear in Women's Home Companion, an espionage article for Cosmopolitan and a veterinarians' exposé for Today's Woman....

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SERVICE STAR DEPARTMENT: New public information officer and aide to Lt. Gen. Franklin A. Hart at Quantico, Va., is Capt. WELDON JAMES, USMCR. He also doubles as editor-in-chief of The Sentry, a Marine Corps publication....CARL BAKAL, Coronet picture editor, this week reported for active duty as an Army Reserve first lieutenant at the Signal Corps Photographic Center, Astoria, L.I.

From Walter Winchell's April 2 column: "To ED MURROW (CBS): No news program, in my opinion, tops your Friday night special from 9 to 10. I never miss it"....HENRY J. TAYLOR speaks today on "Looking Ahead at Home and Abroad" before the 21st annual safety convention and exposition at the Hotel Statler in New York....

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ANDRE RABACHE, France-Presse correspondent covering the visit of French President Vincent Auriol to Washington, was injured Saturday when the car in which he was riding in the ceremonial motorcade collided with a laundry truck. Although two passengers in the car were admitted to Emergency Hospital, RABACHE's injuries were not serious....

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Past President BURNET HERSHEY turning out radio scripts and mag pieces while supervising the move of American War Correspondents Association (of which he is president) to its new address on East 51st Street....New Israeli press advisor in New York, HARRY ZINDER, reported busy on a new book on the Middle East...LARRY LESUEUR speaks at the Atlantic City convention of his sponsor, Richfield Petroleum, on April 5-6...NBC's public relations chief, WILLIAM F. BROOKS, off for a week in Puerto Rico...

After a stint with the CBS news staff in Washington, ALEXANDER KENDRICK will return to Vienna shortly to resume covering Middle Europe for the network....A "welcome back" to the OPC fold to DANIEL BRIGHAM, former New York Times correspondent in Germany and now assistant advertising manager for Lukens Steel in Coatesville, Pa....

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THE OVERSEAS TICKER

his palace, among them HAROLD MILKS of the AP, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT TRUMBULL (New York Times), Adrienne Farrell for Reuters and Mrs. PERCY WOOD....The Durbar was a colorful ceremony during which 250 nobles and court functionaries in medieval dress gathered at the old palace behind the town to pay homage to their young prince. Dancing girls and musicians, the Prince's two richly-caparisoned elephants and Arabian horses were all on hand to do him honor....

A banque for 40 followed, with champagne toasts to the President of India, the King, President Truman and the President of Brazil. Six of the guests were high-ranking Brazilians. Other entertainment on the remaining days included the Indian premiere of Kipling's "Kim", much of which was shot in and around Bundi. Two dinner and dancing parties held in His Highness' own palace nightclubs climaxed the entertainment. His two clubs combined features and decorations from all the nightclubs he had seen in Europe and America. To one he added a carpet made from 36 tiger skins...

EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER, is in Delhi, on one leg of an around-the-worlder....North American Newspaper Alliance's Mr. Johnson is also visiting Delhi briefly...After a flying visit to Bombay for the International Congress for Cultural Freedom, ROBERT TRUMBULL and family emplaned for three months home leave...MARGARET PARTON, New York Herald Tribune, and husband Eric Britter of the London Times leave the first of June for London and the States...PERCY WOOD, Chicago Tribune, is in Teheran, Iran, heading back toward India from a long Middle East trip--(Mrs. PERCY WOOD).

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This month the second edition of the Overseas Press Club's distinguished registry of foreign correspondents will be off the presses! Sporting an attractive blue and gold cover, the 1951 "Who's Who in Foreign Correspondence" features biographies of Club Members, a section on the history of the OPC, information on Club projects and activities, a reprint of the Overseas Press Club Constitution and By-Laws and reports on 1951 Club progress.

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La Nacion, second greatest Argentine newspaper after suspended La Prensa, may be President Peron's next target. Buenos Aires newsmen say the independent newspaper is lining itself up in Peron's sights by condemning governing action against La Prensa.... One reason for Eisenhower's projected trip to Turkey and Greece is said to be to enroll these nations in the Atlantic Pact organization.... German rearmament plans due for a dusting off; increased approval of the Schuman plan, Bonn correspondents report, is paving the way for Bundestag action and the green light to rearm....

Mexican Government, according to news circles in Mexico City, has urged the State Department to permit former Mayor William O'Dwyer to remain as Ambassador, since charges aired against him in Kefauver Committee hearings have gone unproven -- and since he is such a popular envoy..

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FRENCH JOURNALISTS WELCOMED
TO OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB;
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS PRESENTED

A lively exchange of views on Communism, curbs on U.S. troop commitments, Indo-China and Asian problems highlighted the reception at the Clubrooms Monday honoring French newsmen covering the visit here of the President of France. House Committee Chairman

LARRY BLOCHMAN opened the discussion, and Chairman DANIEL VAN ACKER of the Foreign Journalists Reception Committee proposed a champagne toast (courtesy of the Countess de Mezaubran) in honor of the French Republic. Roger Massip, foreign editor of Le Figaro, returned the toast.

Among the distinguished French journalists attending were Jean Allary, foreign editor of France-Presse; Andre Carton of La Voix du Nord and other provincial newspapers; Louis Foy, editor of France-Presse in New York; M. Bonnefoy, Ce Matin; and a radio delegation consisting of Raymond Marcillac, Michel Robida and Claude Villedieu, all of Radio Diffusion Francaise. The State Department's Foreign Journalists Section was represented by Rose Friedman, Ruth Walter and Kay Dunn, while Fernand Auberjonois, Paul Segnitz and Noël Pinault attended from the French Unit of the "Voice of America".... Also among those present were Georges Tilge of France-Presse's New York office, DON GLASSMAN, WAMBLY BALD of the New York Post, RICHARD J. H. JOHNSTON, B. MATHIEU, new Member DAVID ZINGG, HUGH CONWAY, BEN GROSS, JEWEL DE BONILLA, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN (AP) MOROSO, Mr. and Mrs. EARL CHAPIN MAY, LEONARD COULTER And CHARLES ROBBINS.

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